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PSC OPENS CASE TO REVIEW RELAY MISSOURI SURCHARGE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has opened a case to review the current surcharge that appears on the monthly telephone bills of Missourians to fund a statewide dual-party telephone relay service for the deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-impaired (Relay Missouri).

Relay Missouri provides telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-impaired. Specially trained communication assistants translate calls so that deaf, hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals can communicate with any other party.

The Missouri General Assembly established Relay Missouri in 1990. Under state law, the Commission is required to review the surcharge at least every two years, but not more than on an annual basis. The review is to ascertain that necessary funds are available for providing the program.

Relay Missouri is funded through a monthly, per line surcharge. The current surcharge is 13 cents.

In a memorandum filed with the Commission on February 9, 2007, the PSC Staff, after reviewing anticipated fund expenditures and payments, determined the current surcharge is sufficient to meet the demands of the fund and recommended the Commission maintain the current 13 cents a month surcharge.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case (TO-2007-0306) must be filed no later than **March 22, 2007**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov).